

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held at the Guildhall  
Portsmouth on Tuesday, 13 December 2016 at 2.00 pm

## **Council Members Present**

The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor  
Councillor David Fuller (in the Chair)

## **Councillors**

Ken Ellcome	Hugh Mason
Dave Ashmore	Lee Mason
Simon Boshier	Stephen Morgan
Jennie Brent	Gemma New
Ryan Brent	Robert New
Yahiya Chowdhury	Steve Pitt
Alicia Denny	Stuart Potter
Ben Dowling	Will Purvis
John Ferrett	Darren Sanders
Jim Fleming	Lynne Stagg
Colin Galloway	Luke Stubbs
Paul Godier	Julie Bird
Scott Harris	Linda Symes
Steve Hastings	David Tompkins
Hannah Hockaday	Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE
Suzy Horton	Steve Wemyss
Lee Hunt	Matthew Winnington
Frank Jonas	Neill Young
Donna Jones	Rob Wood
Ian Lyon	Tom Wood
Leo Madden	

## **92. Declarations of Interests under Standing Order 13(2)(b)**

Councillor Winnington declared a personal non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 10 - Portsmouth City Council Revenue Budget 2017/18 - Savings Proposals - in that he is a member of Unison and he works for the Roberts Centre.

Councillor Steve Wemyss declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 10 in that he is a member of Unison.

Councillor Rob Wood declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 10 in that his wife is a member of Unison and a former union representative.

## **93. Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 November 2016**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 15 November 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 15 November 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

**94. Communications and Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for lateness were received on behalf of Councillor Lee Hunt and on behalf of Councillor Lee Mason.

The Lord Mayor gave detailed information concerning filming in the chamber advising that notices had been displayed on the walls concerning the council's rules which strictly prohibit the filming, photographing or recording of members of the public unless they are addressing the meeting and only then if they do not actively object. Filming from gallery to gallery is also prohibited. The Lord Mayor then gave details of the evacuation procedure and reminded everyone that there are building evacuation signs displayed both inside in the public galleries and in the chamber itself.

The Lord Mayor said he was pleased to inform members about Gladys Howard a former councillor and Lord Mayor of Portsmouth. Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Ellcome presented Gladys with a Special Recognition of Achievement Award on behalf of the City Council for her long service to the city of Portsmouth. The presentation took place at a dinner event with the police last week as part of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. Gladys was born on 4 December 1916 and worked in the civil service and then the police force, being the first woman police sergeant in Portsmouth in 1952 and then the first woman police inspector in 1963. Gladys was first elected as a Conservative city councillor in 1979 representing the Kingston ward and was re-elected in 1983 and 1986 in Milton ward which she represented until 1990. Gladys was elected Lord Mayor in 1989. The Lord Mayor then invited Councillor Ken Ellcome who attended the presentation to say a few words which he then did. Councillor Ellcome conveyed thanks from Gladys Howard for the Award bestowed on her by the city council.

**95. Deputations from the Public under Standing Order No 24**

The City Solicitor advised that two deputations had been received in respect of agenda item 10 - Portsmouth City Council Revenue Budget 2017/18 - Savings Proposals. Ms Deb Gardiner and Ms Penny Foskett made deputations in respect of agenda item 10. The City Solicitor thanked them for their deputations.

**96. Appointments**

The Lord Mayor advised of one committee membership change. Councillor Paul Godier is to replace Councillor Jennie Brent as a standing deputy on the Governance & Audit & Standards Committee. This was agreed.

**97. Urgent Business in accordance with Standing Order No 26**

There was no urgent business.

**98. Forward Plan Omission - Sale and Leaseback White Hart Road**

The Lord Mayor advised that council is required to note this matter which it duly did.

**99. Recommendations from the Cabinet Meeting held on 8 December in respect of items 8 and 9****Minute 62 - Revenue Budget Monitoring 2016/17 (2nd Quarter) to end September 2016**

This was opposed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Jim Fleming

That the recommendations contained in the report entitled "Revenue Budget Monitoring 2016/17 (2nd Quarter) to end September 2016" be agreed.

The Leader advised that this item had been opposed to allow for a debate. She said that the overspend for Adults and Children's Services had reduced dramatically and thanked the finance team and the two cabinet members concerned. There were no amendments.

Following debate, upon the original recommendations from Cabinet being put to the vote, these were CARRIED.

**RESOLVED that****(i) The forecast outturn position for 2016/17 be noted:**

- (a) An overspend of £418,600 before further forecast transfers from/(to) Portfolio Specific Reserves & Ring Fenced Public Health Reserve**
- (b) An overspend of £33,300 after further forecast transfers from/ (to) Portfolio Specific Reserves & Ring Fenced Public Health Reserve.**

**(ii) Members note that any actual overspend at year end will in the first instance be deducted from any Portfolio Specific Reserve balance and once depleted then be deducted from the 2017/18 Cash Limit.**

- (iii) **Directors, in consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member, consider options that seek to minimise any forecast overspend presently being reported and prepare strategies outlining how any consequent reduction to the 2017/18 Portfolio cash limit will be managed to avoid further overspending during 2017/18.**

**Minute 63 - New Sports and Leisure Contracts - Prudential Borrowing Requirement**

This was opposed to allow for debate.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Luke Stubbs

That the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

The Leader congratulated Councillor Linda Symes and all the officers involved on an outstanding piece of work. There were no amendments,

Following debate upon being put to the vote the original recommendations from Cabinet were CARRIED.

**RESOLVED that the following be approved:**

- (1) **The currently approved Capital Programme 2015/16 to 2020/21 is updated to include the capital scheme "Sports and Leisure Facilities Investment" at an estimated cost of £2.4m.**
- (2) **Following completion of a comprehensive financial appraisal, approved by the Director of Finance & S151 Officer demonstrating that the additional reduction in cost arising from the investment can significantly exceed the associated borrowing costs over the life of the contract, that the cost of the scheme be financed from Prudential Borrowing.**

**Minute 64 - Portsmouth City Council Revenue Budget 2017/18 - Savings Proposals**

This was opposed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Luke Stubbs

That the recommendations contained in Cabinet minute 64 - Portsmouth City Council Revenue Budget 2017/18 - Savings Proposals be approved.

Councillor Donna Jones spoke on the budget proposals which had been produced by the Conservative group. She placed on record her thanks to

UKIP for their participation, suggestions and opinions during the budget process. She also placed on record her thanks to the two Independent members, Councillor Godier and Councillor John Ferrett.

The Leader advised that the proposed cut to funding for trade union officials in the sum of £75,000 would be reduced by 50% to £37,500 as a result of the unions explaining the impact of the reduction in funding at the Staff Joint Committee and discussions that took place at the Employment Committee.

The Leader placed on record her huge thanks to Chris Ward, Julian Pike and cabinet members for their work on the budget.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson  
Seconded by Councillor Hugh Mason

That the recommendations set out in Appendix 1 to these minutes (Liberal Democrat Revenue Amendment) be adopted.

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson spoke to his group's proposed budget amendment. He expressed his thanks to all officers and members who had input into the budget. He commended the Liberal Democrat group's proposed budget amendments to the council.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Colin Galloway  
Seconded by Councillor Julie Bird

That the recommendations set out in Appendix 2 attached to these minutes (UKIP Revenue Amendment) be adopted. He said that UKIP had worked with the administration to try to meet evermore challenging circumstances. He commended the proposed UKIP amendment to the council.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Stephen Morgan  
Seconded by Councillor Yahiya Chowdhury

That the recommendations set out in Appendix 3 attached to these minutes (Labour Revenue Amendment) be adopted. Councillor Morgan then spoke to his group's proposed budget amendments and commended them to the council.

Council adjourned at 4.15 pm.

Council resumed at 4.40 pm.

Following debate, the Lord Mayor called upon the Leader of the Council, Councillor Donna Jones to sum up. Councillor Jones said that she did not

propose to accept either the Liberal Democrat group or the Labour group amendments. However she was happy to subsume the UKIP amendment into the budget proposals.

The Lord Mayor advised that the amendments to the revenue budget would be voted on using the recorded vote method in accordance with the regulations.

Upon the Labour group amendment standing in the name of Councillor Stephen Morgan being put to the vote, the following members voted in favour:

Councillors Yahiya Chowdhury  
John Ferrett  
Stephen Morgan

The following members voted against:

Councillors Julie Bird	Frank Jonas
Simon Boshier	Donna Jones
Jennie Brent	Ian Lyon
Ryan Brent	Lee Mason
Alicia Denny	Gemma New
Ken Ellcome	Rob New
Jim Fleming	Stuart Potter
Colin Galloway	Luke Stubbs
Paul Godier	Linda Symes
Scott Harris	David Tompkins
Steve Hastings	Steve Wemyss
Hannah Hockaday	Neill Young

The following members abstained:-:

Councillors David Ashmore	Will Purvis
Ben Dowling	Darren Sanders
Suzy Horton	Lynne Stagg
Lee Hunt	Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Leo Madden	Matthew Winnington
Hugh Mason	Rob Wood
Steve Pitt	Tom Wood

The Labour group amendment was therefore LOST.

Upon the Liberal Democrat amendment standing in the name of Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson being put to the vote the following members voted in favour:

Councillors David Ashmore	Will Purvis
Ben Dowling	Darren Sanders
Suzy Horton	Lynne Stagg
Lee Hunt	Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Leo Madden	Matthew Winnington
Hugh Mason	Rob Wood

Steve Pitt

Tom Wood

The following members voted against

Councillors Julie Bird	Frank Jonas
Simon Boshier	Donna Jones
Jennie Brent	Ian Lyon
Ryan Brent	Lee Mason
Alicia Denny	Gemma New
Ken Ellcome	Rob New
John Ferrett	Stuart Potter
Jim Fleming	Luke Stubbs
Colin Galloway	Linda Symes
Paul Godier	David Tompkins
Scott Harris	Steve Wemyss
Steve Hastings	Neill Young
Hannah Hockaday	

The following members abstained:

Councillors Yahiya Chowdhury  
Stephen Morgan

The Liberal Democrat amendment standing in the name of Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson was therefore LOST.

Upon the recommendations from Cabinet including the UKIP amendment being put to the vote, the following members voted in favour of the substantive motion:

Councillors Julie Bird	Frank Jonas
Simon Boshier	Donna Jones
Jennie Brent	Ian Lyon
Ryan Brent	Lee Mason
Alicia Denny	Gemma New
Ken Ellcome	Rob New
John Ferrett	Stuart Potter
Jim Fleming	Luke Stubbs
Colin Galloway	Linda Symes
Paul Godier	David Tompkins
Scott Harris	Steve Wemyss
Steve Hastings	Neill Young
Hannah Hockaday	

The following members voted against the proposal:

Councillors David Ashmore	Steve Pitt
Yahiya Chowdhury	Will Purvis
Ben Dowling	Darren Sanders
Suzy Horton	Lynne Stagg
Lee Hunt	Gerald Vernon-Jackson

Leo Madden  
Hugh Mason  
Stephen Morgan

Matthew Winnington  
Rob Wood  
Tom Wood

There were no abstentions.

This was therefore CARRIED.

## **RESOLVED**

### **(1) That the following be approved:**

- (a) The Medium Term Financial Strategy set out in Section 8**
- (b) That the Council's Budget for 2017/18 be prepared on the basis of a 3.99% Council Tax increase**
- (c) That in the event that the Council has the ability to increase the level of Council Tax beyond 2% in order to fund Adult Social Care pressures, and if the Council elects to do so, that any additional funding that arises is passported direct to Adult Social Care to provide for otherwise unfunded cost pressures.**
- (d) The savings proposals for each Portfolio amounting, in total, to £9m for 2017/18 and continuing into future years as set out in Appendix A to enable appropriate consultation and notice periods to be given to affected parties**
- (e) That the criteria for the use of the Voluntary Sector Capacity & Transition Fund be replaced with the following:**
  - i) Overall fit with the Council's objectives - providing services consistent with the Council's responsibilities that are not replicated elsewhere**
  - ii) Integration and/or collaboration with other voluntary sector partners - demonstrating a willingness to transform and build voluntary sector capacity on a sustainable basis**
  - iii) Deliverability - proposals are costed robustly and plans demonstrate that they can be confidently delivered**
  - iv) Sustainability - a single application for a 1 year, 2 year or 3 year award which demonstrates an operating model that will endure without further funding from the Council**
  - v) Cost Avoidance - illustration of how the proposal avoids costs elsewhere "in the system" and / or improves the integration and efficiency of the voluntary sector as a whole**



- vi) **Potential for further Transformation - the extent to which the proposal could drive further transformation and capacity of the voluntary sector in the future**
  - vii) **Wider economic impacts**
- (f) **That Officers, through the Cabinet, be requested to prepare a feasibility study into the potential benefits and cost savings associated with the geo-stamping<sup>1</sup> (otherwise known as geo-tagging) of photos for contracted works undertaken to Council properties. The aim is to ensure that works are undertaken to time and specification and obtain the necessary documentation for any contractual deductions should the works undertaken prove unsatisfactory. The study to also include any necessary outline business case for its implementation. In the event that the feasibility study demonstrates a sufficiently compelling case and with a strong financial payback, that a project team is established to prepare a detailed business case and project plan and to be funded from the MTRS Reserve; should any capital investment be required, then this to be considered either for Prudential Borrowing or at the next available review of the Capital Programme. Any resulting on-going revenue savings to be used to contribute towards the future savings requirements of the Council.**
- (g) **That Officers through the Cabinet be requested to prepare a map of all the assets owned and operated by the City Council and overlaid with a map of the locations of services provided by the Voluntary and Community Sector as a means to identify opportunities for co-located and integrated working, potentially releasing savings for both parties in premises and transport related costs, reducing duplication and providing more seamless services for residents. Should opportunities be identified, then a business case to be prepared which, if sufficiently compelling in both operational and financial terms, is used as the basis of implementing any such opportunities and the projects funded from the MTRS Reserve. Any resulting on-going revenue savings to be used to contribute towards the future savings requirements of the Council**
- (2) **That the following be noted:**
- (a) **The Budget Savings Requirement for 2017/18 of £9m approved by the City Council was based on a Council Tax increase of 3.99%; each 1% change (increase or decrease) in the Council Tax results in a change to the savings requirement of £652,000<sup>2</sup>**

---

<sup>1</sup> Geo-stamping software records the time and location on a mobile device without the need for a phone signal providing visibility of activities undertaken

<sup>2</sup> Tax increases will be subject to Council Tax referendum thresholds which are at this stage

- (b) The key themes arising from the budget consultation**
- (c) The indicative savings proposals set out in Appendix B which are provided for the purpose of demonstrating to the Council that the Portfolio savings as recommended in paragraph 1 (d) above are robust and deliverable**
- (d) The likely impact of savings as set out in Appendix B based on the scale of the Portfolio savings as recommended in paragraph 1(d)**
- (e) The Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2017/18 was approved by the City Council on 15 November 2016, the associated savings are now reflected in the overall savings requirement of £9m; the scheme itself has now been approved and that scheme is not the subject of this report, the proposals in this report simply reflect the associated budget position**
- (f) That the responsibility of the City Council is to approve the overall Budget and the associated cash limits of its Portfolios and Committees; it is not the responsibility of the City Council to approve any individual savings within those Portfolios / Committees**
- (g) That it is the responsibility of the individual Portfolio Holders (not the City Council) to approve the individual savings proposals and the Portfolio Holder can therefore, in response to any consultation, alter, amend or substitute any of the indicative savings proposal(s) set out in Appendix B with alternative proposal(s) amounting to the same value within their Portfolio**
- (h) Managers will commence the implementation of the approved savings required and any necessary consultation process or notice process**
- (i) That there is no general provision for Budget Pressures and that it is the responsibility of the Portfolio Holder to manage any Budget Pressures which arise from the overall resources available to the Portfolio (which includes their Portfolio Reserve)**
- (j) In accordance with the approved financial framework, it is the responsibility of the Portfolio Holder, in consultation with the Director of Finance & Information Services (S151 Officer), to release funds from the Portfolio Reserve in accordance with the provisions set out in paragraph 10.15 of the report**

- (k) **The MTRS Reserve held to fund the upfront costs associated with Spend to Save Schemes, Invest to Save Schemes and redundancies currently holds a very modest uncommitted balance of £3.0m and will only be replenished from an approval to the transfer of any non-Portfolio underspends at year end into this reserve.**

*[Please note that with regard to the inclusion of the UKIP amendments in (1)(f) and (g) above*

- (1) *The Section 151 Officer advised that in his opinion the proposals contained within this amendment do not present any additional risk to the delivery of the overall savings amounts required for the budget 2017/18 and*
- (2) *The City Solicitor is content with the proposals set out in the amendment.]*

The Lord Mayor said that this concluded the budget debate.

#### **100. Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17**

There were no questions from members..

At the end of the meeting, the Lord Mayor took the opportunity to thank those members who had made cakes for the Council Meetings and wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

The meeting concluded at 6.45 pm.

.....  
Lord Mayor

**This page is intentionally left blank**

**AGENDA ITEM 10 - Portsmouth City Council Revenue  
Budget 2017/18 - Savings Proposals**

Amendment to Cabinet recommendations attached.

Proposed by (Name) GERALD VERNON-JACKSON

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by (Name) HUGH MASON

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

## **Amendment proposed by the Liberal Democrat Group**

### **Portsmouth City Council Revenue Budget 2017/18 - Savings Proposals**

That the recommendations of the Cabinet of 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 (Minute 64/16) on "Portsmouth City Council Revenue Budget 2017/18 - Savings Proposals" be amended as follows:-

#### **Recommendation 1 of the Cabinet be amended as follows:-**

- (d) The savings proposals for each Portfolio amounting, in total, to £9.0m for 2017/18 and continuing into future years as set out in Appendix A of the report to enable appropriate consultation and notice periods to be given to affected parties be replaced as follows:

<b>Portfolio/Committee</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19 &amp; Future Years</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Children's Social Care	300,000	300,000
Culture, Leisure and Sport	331,600	331,600
Education	193,700	193,700
Environment and Community Safety	(1,000)	(1,000)
Governance, Audit and Standards	30,000	30,000
Health and Social Care - Adult Social Care	1,307,000	1,307,000
Health and Social Care - Public Health	558,300	492,300
Housing	129,000	129,000
Planning Regeneration and Economic Development	928,000	928,000
Resources	1,102,400	992,400
Traffic and Transportation	476,000	652,000
Other Savings	3,645,000	3,645,000
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9,000,000</b>	<b>9,000,000</b>

- (e) The criteria for the use of the Voluntary Sector Capacity & Transition Fund be developed more sympathetically by a cross party working group, to include the chair of the Voluntary Sector Forum or their representative with the aim of being more accessible and flexible than the current system. A report on the recommendations to be brought back to the Council meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

**Recommendation 2 of the Cabinet be amended as follows:-**

- (c) The indicative savings proposals set out in Appendix B of the report which are provided for the purpose of demonstrating to the Council that the Portfolio savings as recommended in paragraph 1 (d) above are robust and deliverable be amended to include the following **additional indicative savings** proposals:

Indicative Portfolio Savings Proposal	Impact on Level of Service & Service Outcomes	2016/17	2017/18 & Future Years
		£	£
<b>Resources</b>			
Delete 1 post in the Strategy Unit	Significant reduction in the Council's ability to manage and oversee its major risks and projects and the Council's overall performance management and governance arrangements. Capacity to deliver future transformation will also be diminished. Support to the following will be reduced or provided by other Services where appropriate: Health & Well Being Board, Children's Trust Board, Public Services Board, Health & Social Care Executive, Health Integration, External Funding Bids, Devolution, University Technical College, Multi Assessment Teams project, preparation for Inspections, Risk Management, Performance Management.	(40,000)	(40,000)
Reduction in support to the Leader's Office	Reduction in the availability and effectiveness of the Leader of the Council to promote the City and undertake Council duties	(42,000)	(42,000)

Indicative Portfolio Savings Proposal	Impact on Level of Service & Service Outcomes	2016/17	2017/18 & Future Years
		£	£
Reduce number of HR Business Partners by 1 full time equivalent member of staff	<p>Business partners are the key HR support for directorates; capacity has previously been reduced at a senior level across the service. The council is going through significant change and business partner capacity is essential to both support change and enable the service to deliver and expand its commercial activities.</p> <p>A reduction in capacity will present a risk to the organisation, including an inability to deliver savings in other areas of the council and the risk of legal challenge.</p>	(54,000)	(54,000)
Reduce PA's of Directors by 50%	Reduction in the capacity, availability and accessibility of Senior Officers. Senior Officers will spend a meaningful proportion of their time on administrative functions	(65,000)	(65,000)
<b><u>Traffic &amp; Transportation</u></b>			
<u>Re-instatement of MB Parking Zone</u> to improve the current parking policy through the efficient management of on-street parking in the area and in accordance with the vote from residents	Expected to lead to additional parking demand in adjacent areas as a consequence of displacement. This is likely to generate further requests for residents parking schemes.	(34,000)	(49,000)
<u>Re-instatement of MC Parking Zone</u> to improve the current parking policy through the efficient management of on-street parking in the area and in accordance with the vote from residents	Expected to lead to additional parking demand in adjacent areas as a consequence of displacement. This is likely to generate further requests for residents parking schemes.	(75,000)	(98,000)



Indicative Portfolio Savings Proposal	Impact on Level of Service & Service Outcomes	2016/17	2017/18 & Future Years
		£	£
<p>Implementation of residents' car parking zones to improve the current parking policy through the efficient management of on-street parking and in the areas where residents have voted in favour of doing so.</p> <p><u>North Kings:</u> (Area 1 of the Five Zone Survey of Central Southsea 2014)</p>	Expected to lead to additional parking demand in adjacent areas as a consequence of displacement. This is likely to generate further requests for resident's parking schemes.	(14,000)	(44,000)
<p>Implementation of residents' car parking zones to improve the current parking policy through the efficient management of on-street parking and in the areas where residents have voted in favour of doing so.</p> <p><u>Owens Gardens</u> - boundary Grove Road South, Elm Grove, Merton/Nelson Road and Victoria Road South: (Area 2 of the Five Zone Survey of Central Southsea 2014)</p>	Expected to lead to additional parking demand in adjacent areas as a consequence of displacement. This is likely to generate further requests for residents' parking schemes.	(6,000)	(30,000)
<p>Implementation of residents' car parking zones to improve the current parking policy through the efficient management of on-street parking and in the areas where residents have voted in favour of doing so.</p> <p><u>South Kings:</u> (Area 3 of the Five Zone Survey of Central Southsea 2014)</p>	Expected to lead to additional parking demand in adjacent areas as a consequence of displacement. This is likely to generate further requests for residents' parking schemes.	(15,000)	(45,000)

Indicative Portfolio Savings Proposal	Impact on Level of Service & Service Outcomes	2016/17	2017/18 & Future Years
		£	£
Implementation of residents' car parking zones to improve the current parking policy through the efficient management of on-street parking and in the areas where residents have voted in favour of doing so.  <u>Boundary of Highland Road, Winter Road, Goldsmith Avenue and Francis Avenue:</u> (Area 5 of the Five Zone Survey of Central Southsea 2014)	Expected to lead to additional parking demand in adjacent areas as a consequence of displacement. This is likely to generate further requests for residents' parking schemes.	(52,000)	(106,000)
<b>Total</b>		<b>(397,000)</b>	<b>(573,000)</b>

- (c) (i) In arriving at the savings proposals for each Portfolio as recommended in paragraph 1(d), the following amounts have been **added to cash limits** and, where applicable, the indicative savings proposals set out in Appendix B are deleted:

Saving No.	Increases to Portfolio Cash Limits - Deletion of Indicative Savings	2017/18	2018/19 & Future Years
		£	£
<b><u>Culture, Leisure &amp; Sport</u></b>			
New	Re-open Southsea Library on a Sunday	12,000	12,000
<b><u>Education</u></b>			
020	Re-instate cessation of Governor Services	18,300	18,300
<b><u>Environment &amp; Community Safety</u></b>			
023	Re-instate voluntary sector grant payments to Portsmouth Area Rape Crisis (£3,000) and Portsmouth Mediation Service (£8,000)	11,000	11,000
New	Reinstate 50% the operation of the Hate Crime Prevention Service (Victim Support) which was discontinued from 2016/17	50,000	50,000

Saving No.	Increases to Portfolio Cash Limits - Deletion of Indicative Savings	2017/18	2018/19 & Future Years
		£	£
026	Re-instate (ahead of the re-building of Sea Defences) the reduction in reactive maintenance budget to the Sea Defences	10,000	10,000
New	Re-instatement of a fixed number of Free Bulky Waste Collections (means tested)	10,000	10,000
New	Provision of 10 Multi-Use Waste Bins located across the City	7,000	7,000
<b>Health &amp; Social Care</b>			
040	Re-instate 50% of general staffing savings from existing vacancies throughout Adult Social Care	75,000	75,000
New	Increased support for drug and alcohol detox services	43,700	109,700
<b>Housing</b>			
051	Re-instate floating tenancy support for families	50,000	50,000
<b>Resources</b>			
080	Reduction In Trade Union Support - Reinstatement 50% of current provision for UNITE & UNISON	28,000	28,000
New	Grant to Off the Record	20,000	20,000
New	Remove £2 floor for Council Tax Support	12,000	12,000
New	Increase in pay for the lowest paid to the level of the Living Wage as defined by the Living Wage Foundation, subject to the approval of the Employment Committee	0	110,000
<b>Traffic &amp; Transportation</b>			
New	Additional 6 School Crossing Patrol Officers to be flexibly deployed as required across crossings city-wide	30,000	30,000
New	Protection (i.e. subsidies) for non-commercial but valuable bus routes which otherwise would be withdrawn	20,000	20,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>397,000</b>	<b>573,000</b>

- (l) That the S151 Officer advises that, in his opinion, the proposals contained within this amendment do not present any additional risk to the delivery of the overall savings amounts required for the Budget 2017/18.
- (m) The City Solicitor is content with the proposals set out in this amendment.

## **NOTES TO THE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT AMENDMENT**

### **Portsmouth City Council Revenue Budget 2017/18 - Savings Proposals**

The overall financial effect of the proposals is set out below:

	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19 &amp; Future Years</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Additional Savings Proposals:	(397,000)	(573,000)
Re-instatement of Savings Proposals and / or New Spending Proposals:	397,000	573,000
<b>Total Overall Change</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**This page is intentionally left blank**

## **AGENDA ITEM 10 - Portsmouth City Council Revenue Budget 2017/18 - Savings Proposals**

Amendment to Cabinet recommendations attached.

Proposed by (Name) COLIN GALLOWAY

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by (Name) JULIE RIRD

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

## **Amendment proposed by the UKIP Group**

### **Portsmouth City Council Revenue Budget 2017/18 - Savings Proposals**

That the recommendations of the Cabinet of 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 (Minute 64/16) on "Portsmouth City Council Revenue Budget 2017/18 - Savings Proposals" be amended as follows:-

#### **Recommendation 1 of the Cabinet be amended as follows:-**

- (f) That Officers, through the Cabinet, be requested to prepare a feasibility study into the potential benefits and cost savings associated with the geo-stamping<sup>1</sup> (otherwise known as geo-tagging) of photos for contracted works undertaken to Council properties. The aim is to ensure that works are undertaken to time and specification and obtain the necessary documentation for any contractual deductions should the works undertaken prove unsatisfactory. The study to also include any necessary outline business case for its implementation. In the event that the feasibility study demonstrates a sufficiently compelling case and with a strong financial payback, that a project team is established to prepare a detailed business case and project plan and to be funded from the MTRS Reserve; should any capital investment be required, then this to be considered either for Prudential Borrowing or at the next available review of the Capital Programme. Any resulting on-going revenue savings to be used to contribute towards the future savings requirements of the Council.
  
- (g) That Officers, through the Cabinet, be requested to prepare a map of all assets owned and operated by the City Council and overlaid with a map of the locations of services provided by the Voluntary and Community Sector as a means to identify opportunities for co-located and integrated working, potentially releasing savings for both parties in premises and transport related costs, reducing duplication and providing more seamless services for residents. Should opportunities be identified, then a business case to be prepared which, if sufficiently compelling in both operational and financial terms, is used as the basis of implementing any such opportunities and the projects funded from the MTRS Reserve. Any resulting on-going revenue savings to be used to contribute towards the future savings requirements of the Council

---

<sup>1</sup> Geo-stamping software records the time and location on a mobile device without the need for a phone signal providing visibility of activities undertaken



**Recommendation 2 of the Cabinet be amended as follows:-**

- (l)** That the S151 Officer advises that, in his opinion, the proposals contained within this amendment do not present any additional risk to the delivery of the overall savings amounts required for the Budget 2017/18.
- (m)** The City Solicitor is content with the proposals set out in this amendment.

## **NOTES TO THE UKIP AMENDMENT**

### **Portsmouth City Council Revenue Budget 2017/18 - Savings Proposals**

The overall financial effect of the proposals is set out below:

	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19 &amp; Future Years</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Additional Savings Proposals:	0	0
Re-instatement of Savings Proposals and / or New Spending Proposals:	0	0
<b>Total Overall Change</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**AGENDA ITEM 10 - Portsmouth City Council Revenue  
Budget 2017/18 - Savings Proposals**

Amendment to Cabinet recommendations attached.

Proposed by (Name) Cllr Stephen Morgan

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by (Name) Cllr Yahya Chowdhury

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

## **Amendment proposed by the Labour Group**

### **Portsmouth City Council Revenue Budget 2017/18 - Savings Proposals**

That the recommendations of the Cabinet of 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 (Minute 64/16) on "Portsmouth City Council Revenue Budget 2017/18 - Savings Proposals" be amended as follows:-

#### **Recommendation 1 of the Cabinet be amended as follows:-**

- (d) The savings proposals for each Portfolio amounting, in total, to £9.0m for 2017/18 and continuing into future years as set out in Appendix A of the report to enable appropriate consultation and notice periods to be given to affected parties be replaced as follows:

<b>Portfolio/Committee</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19 &amp; Future Years</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Children's Social Care	300,000	300,000
Culture, Leisure and Sport	343,600	343,600
Education	212,000	212,000
Environment and Community Safety	87,000	87,000
Governance, Audit and Standards	30,000	30,000
Health and Social Care - Adult Social Care	1,061,000	1,061,000
Health and Social Care - Public Health	602,000	602,000
Housing	179,000	179,000
Planning Regeneration and Economic Development	928,000	928,000
Resources	1,282,400	1,282,400
Traffic and Transportation	330,000	330,000
Other Savings	3,645,000	3,645,000
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9,000,000</b>	<b>9,000,000</b>

The following be added to recommendation (e)

- (e) **viii)** Provides services that are dedicated to deliver or support the delivery of the Adult Social Care responsibilities of the Council

- (f) That Officers, through the Cabinet, be requested to investigate further opportunities for joint working with other Local Authorities in order to maximise the potential to make savings whilst improving the overall capacity and resilience of council services; further that any associated savings be re-invested into Adult Social Care to meet their rising cost and demographic pressures
- (g) That Officers, through the Cabinet, be requested to prepare a feasibility study including an outline business case for becoming a "paperless organisation". In the event that the feasibility study demonstrates a sufficiently compelling case and with a strong financial payback, that a project team is established to prepare a detailed business case and project plan to be funded from the MTRS Reserve; should any capital investment be required, then this to be considered either for Prudential Borrowing or at the next available review of the Capital Programme. Any resulting on-going revenue savings to be re-invested into Adult Social Care to meet their rising cost and demographic pressures.

**Recommendation 2 of the Cabinet be amended as follows:-**

- (c) The indicative savings proposals set out in Appendix B of the report which are provided for the purpose of demonstrating to the Council that the Portfolio savings as recommended in paragraph 1 (d) above are robust and deliverable be amended to include the following **additional indicative savings** proposals:

Indicative Portfolio Savings Proposal	Impact on Level of Service & Service Outcomes	2017/18	2018/19 & Future Years
		£	£
<b><u>Resources</u></b>			
20% Reduction in the Basic Councillor Allowance*	A reduction in allowances may cause the future recruitment of Councillors to be more challenging	(80,000)	(80,000)
25% Reduction in the Special Responsibility Allowance*	A reduction in allowances may discourage Councillors from accepting Cabinet or Committee posts	(20,000)	(20,000)
A reduction in Cabinet Members from 9 to 7 **	A re-organisation of the portfolios of Cabinet Members such that some (or all) of the remaining Cabinet Members take on	0**	0**

Indicative Portfolio Savings Proposal	Impact on Level of Service & Service Outcomes	2017/18	2018/19 & Future Years
		£	£
	increased responsibilities.		
A move to 'All Out' (whole Council) Elections***	Election of members would take place once every four years	0***	0***
Reduction in support to the Leader's Office	Reduction in the availability and effectiveness of the Leader of the Council to promote the City and undertake Council duties	(42,000)	(42,000)
Reduce number of HR Business Partners by 1 full time equivalent member of staff	Business partners are the key HR support for directorates; capacity has previously been reduced at a senior level across the service. The council is going through significant change and business partner capacity is essential to both support change and enable the service to deliver and expand its commercial activities.  A reduction in capacity will present a risk to the organisation, including an inability to deliver savings in other areas of the council and the risk of legal challenge.	(54,000)	(54,000)
Reduce PA's of Directors by 50%	Reduction in the capacity, availability and accessibility of Senior Officers. Senior Officers will spend a meaningful proportion of their time on administrative functions	(65,000)	(65,000)
Reduce role and function of communications team	Limited ability to respond to the media, provide information to the public and run campaigns. Potential negative impact on income and access to services	(60,000)	(60,000)
<b>Total</b>		<b>(321,000)</b>	<b>(321,000)</b>

\* Members should have regard to the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel and recommendations of Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2013 as amended by the City Council on 15 July 2014.

\*\* Members should note that, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, this is a decision for the Leader of the Council not the Council itself. In the event that the Leader elects to take such a decision, the savings amount will increase by £15,000.

\*\*\* The required process for moving to whole council elections would be as follows

- I. Full Council resolves to undertake public consultation as the Council thinks appropriate on any proposed change
- II. Have regard to the outcome of the consultation before making its decision
- III. Convene a special meeting of the Council
- IV. Full Council must pass a resolution by a two-thirds majority of those voting at that Special meeting
- V. The resolution must specify the commencement year (earliest date would be May 2018)
- VI. The resolution is the means by which the term of office is reduced for any members whose term would not be completed
- VII. Any election(s) scheduled to take place before the start date indicated in the Council's resolution would continue as normal
- VIII. An explanatory document on the decision must be published after the resolution is made
- IX. The Council must notify the Boundary Commission of the scheme adopted and the commencement year
- X. If the Council resolves to change to whole council elections, the decision cannot be reversed until five years from the date of the resolution

The earliest implementation date would be from May 2018 and the saving is estimated to be **£43,000 per annum**.

The relevant legislation is contained in sections 32-36 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011)

(c) (i) In arriving at the savings proposals for each Portfolio as recommended in paragraph 1 (d), the following amounts have been **added to cash limits** and, where applicable, the indicative savings proposals set out in Appendix B are deleted:

Saving No.	Increases to Portfolio Cash Limits - Deletion of Indicative Savings and/or New Spending Proposals	2017/18	2018/19 & Future Years
		£	£
New	To invest in Adult Social Care in order to respond to increases in both cost and demand for care services arising from the general growth in the elderly population and the increase in complexity of care needs	321,000*	321,000*
<b>Total</b>		<b>321,000*</b>	<b>321,000*</b>

- \* In the event that the Leader accepts the proposal to reduce the number of Cabinet Members from 9 to 7, then the amount available for this proposal will increase by £15,000 from 2017/18 onwards

In the event that Council resolves to implement whole Council elections then the amount available for this proposal would further increase by £43,000 per annum from 2018/19 onwards

- (l) That the S151 Officer advises that, in his opinion, the proposals contained within this amendment do not present any additional risk to the delivery of the overall savings amounts required for the Budget 2017/18.
- (m) The City Solicitor is content with the proposals set out in this amendment.



## **NOTES TO THE LABOUR AMENDMENT**

### **Portsmouth City Council Revenue Budget 2017/18 - Savings Proposals**

The overall financial effect of the proposals is set out below:

	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19 &amp; Future Years</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Additional Savings Proposals:	(321,000)	(321,000)
Re-instatement of Savings Proposals and / or New Spending Proposals:	321,000	321,000
<b>Total Overall Change</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Note:**

**This amendment also earmarks £475,000 from the Voluntary Sector Capacity and Transition Fund towards meeting Adult Social Care responsibilities**

**This page is intentionally left blank**